



MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

June 2019 – The 1002nd regular meeting of the MNS will be held on Thursday, June 20, 7 PM, at our usual location in the Mayfair Mall Community Room, lower level. The program for the evening will feature rare coins from the MNS collection that are kept in our bank vault.

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road). The annual MNS coin show is held in October.

June Coin of the Month: This month we offer a silver New Hampshire 2000-S proof quarter, certified and encapsulated by PCGS as Proof 69. Add this tough to find coin to your collection for a starting bid of just \$10.



June 2019 MNS President's Message

The next meeting really will be one that you do not want to miss, especially if you enjoy seeing rare and interesting coins. Our program for the June meeting is "Treasures from the Vault". This will entail the display of many items that the MNS actually retains in its collection, coins and medals that generally are never shared with the members. As collectors it is important that we take time to observe and share the objects in our collections, and that is what this program will be all about, being able to view and appreciate some of the wonderful items that comprise the MNS collection. You will not want to miss this since it is hard to say when any of these items will be available for viewing again.

An official sign-up sheet was circulated at the last meeting for the ANA coin show van trip, coming up on Wednesday, August 14th. There is a strict limit of fifteen total passengers for the trip, including the driver, since the van we rent can only comfortably and legally accommodate that limit. That currently brings our total to twelve, leaving room for only three additional passengers. Please let me know if you want to attend as soon as possible and your name will be added to the list, first come first served. I will take additional names for stand-by in case someone falls off, but there is no guarantee. Also, if you did sign up and realize you can no longer attend please let me know as soon as possible about that too so that your space can be given to someone else.

As in year's past this trip is free of charge to members, and we probably will not take any additional guests even at a cost since space is at a premium and I want to ensure all possible availability for members. The van will be meeting at the park and ride lot along the southbound lanes of I-94 and College Avenue, the same location we have used previously. The van will depart promptly at 8 AM and I expect for us to make a return arrival by about 7:30 PM. It will be a full and long day spent at the show, but it should certainly be worth it since that is one of the very first days the show is open to the public.

There is a new membership application to vote on at the next meeting, for prospective member John Riley. He has been collecting for several years now and really seems to be taking an active interest in the hobby. As noted on his membership application he collects a variety of US coins, and is also open to other collecting interests. Upon his membership approval please take a moment to welcome him into the club.

As always, I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting. The items for show and tell that belong to the Club will be of great interest to everyone. Since we should have time please consider bringing something especially important from your own collection to show, something you otherwise might not have considered sharing. The diversity of our membership's collecting interests certainly is what makes for interesting and educational meetings.

Happy Collecting,
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Schedule

Monthly meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

- Jan 17: Officer Inductions
- Feb 21: Numismatic Trivia Hosted by Neil Shafer
- March 21: T. Casper: "A Legendary Numismatist"
- April 18: 1,000th Club Meeting Events
- May 16: Spring Auction
- June 20: Treasures from the Vault
- July 18: Expanded Show and Tell
- Aug 14: No Meeting; Bus Trip to ANA
- Sept 19: Numismatic Trivia Game
- Oct 17: Raffle Prize Drawing
- Nov 21: Autumn Auction; Election Slate
- Dec 19: Holiday Party; Officer Elections

PLEASE NOTE:

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events, and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings. We are also looking for ideas for club outings. MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to \$60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make this club a success.

Annual Dues

Dues for 2019 are \$10. Please pay Leon A. at the next meeting, or they may be mailed to MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886. Thanks to those who have paid.

2019 Numismatic Events

- June 13-16: Int'l Paper Money Show
Kansas City, MO
- August 13-17: ANA World's Fair of Money
Rosemont, IL
- September 14: St. Charles, IL Coin Club Show
- October 6: MNS Coin Show; Serb Hall
9 AM-4 PM

Refreshment Schedule

- Jan: Jim H.
- Feb: Jim H.
- Mar: Dave Hunsicker
- Apr: Don K.
- May: Gary B.
- Jun: OPEN
- Jul: OPEN
- Aug: NO MEETING=ANA Show Bus Trip
- Sep: Justin P.
- Oct: OPEN
- Nov: OPEN
- Dec: Holiday Party



Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Minutes

May 16, 2019

President Justin Perreault called the 1001st meeting of the MNS to order at 7:00pm. There were members 26 and 1 guest in attendance. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Door prizes were won by James K. Adele V. Tom C. Josh W. Tom S. Paul K. Neil S. Peter J, and Robert M.

Coin of the Month: Adele V. won the coin of the month, a 2007-D Thomas Jefferson Presidential Dollar, with a winning bid of \$8.

Minutes: The minutes for March and April 2019 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: John B. reported that April showed net receipts of \$386.00 and \$1,791.80 in net disbursements for a negative net cash flow of \$1,405.80

Correspondence: Coins Magazine, Numismatist, ANA President and Board of Governors candidate bio letters.

Milwaukee Numismatic Coin Show – Paul K has marketing material for our annual coin show. Please see him for materials to distribute to local clubs, organizations and businesses.

New Member: The club approved Anthony Stader as a new member. Welcome to the club!

Honorary Life Membership: The board unanimously approved giving Neil Schafer with an Honorary Life Membership. Neil has contributed greatly to the hobby. Members voted by secret ballot to finalize Neil's Honorary Life Membership.

Redbooks: They are still a few Redbooks available from our 1000th meeting. Each Redbook is \$15.00. Please see Justin P if you are interested in purchasing a book.

New Member Application: John Riley completed an application for membership. He collects various coins.

Vice President Report: There are openings for several months this year for members to bring refreshments.

Field Trip: Members visited an exhibition highlighting cut paper and other surprising materials on display at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau earlier this month.

ANA Coin Show: The 2019 World's Fair of Money is in Rosemont, Illinois at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center from August 13-17. The club will be renting a nice 15 passenger van to drive members down to the coin show. If you are interested in taking the bus down then please let Justin P know.

Show & Tell: Robert M: 50th Anniversary Apollo 11 Medals, Leon A: \$50 Note – payable in gold, Neil S: Error Notes, Peter J: Galer Medal and Cupping Equipment, Tom C: Central States Finds - Poker Chip, Advertising Token, and 2012 Summer Seminar – Asian Coin, Dealer Exhibit Silver Medal (Indiana), Exhibit Award

Program: Spring Auction – 43 Items auctioned off.

The meeting was informally adjourned at 8:39 pm by President Perrault.

Respectfully submitted by James Kubley

Scenes from the MNS Outing to Wausau, May 5, 2019



COIN SHOPS – THE BACKBONE OF OUR HOBBY

By Tom Casper

In 1953, as a child of 10, I started collecting coins by going through coins in circulation. At that time, I would occasionally find Indian Head cents, Buffalo Nickels, and Mercury dimes. Sometimes a Barber dime, quarter, or half would appear. I was unaware of coin shops but I wouldn't have had money to buy coins. The thrill of the hunt was the fun of filling the holes in the blue Whitman albums.

I stepped away from collecting for a while but returned to the hobby in 1967, after getting married. I joined MNS that year and switched my specialty from coins to exonumia. Coin collecting was popular with thousands of people attending coin shows. In Milwaukee, new coin shops were springing up often.

I made it a point to always visit these shops when they opened. I would introduce myself and tell the owner what I collected. I always asked for their business card so I could remember their name and it provided me their phone number in the event I needed to call them. Coin shops came and went over the years. I have continued this practice of picking up business cards from shops I visit but new coin shops are now rare. The accumulated cards have formed a new collection of local numismatic business cards.

Coin shops played an important role in helping me form my collection. Some of the shopkeepers saved exonumia for me because I regularly visited them and we became friends. Many shops are open six days a week to serve the collector. Coin shops are not only a place to buy coins (or in my case, tokens). In addition to buying and selling coins, they handle supplies, numismatic books and most of all, free advice. Who better to ask a numismatic question to than a coin shop proprietor? Owners know the subjects of grading, authentication, pricing and historical information on many pieces. Some have taken grading courses. They joined local coin clubs and occasionally gave talks on different numismatic topics at our club meetings. You would find them with a table at our local coin shows. Youngsters are sometimes mentored by shop owners and are given a coin to introduce them to the hobby. One shop I went to gave my young children in tote, popcorn balls while I looked through the show cases. For me, the social interaction with the dealer was the most important thing. This is now lacking if you buy off the internet.

When I work on my collection I reminisce when I come across particular pieces. I no longer remember where I bought most of my tokens but there are a few that come to mind. I can remember buying a presidential inaugural medal of Theodore Roosevelt from Eddie Collins of Collins Coins on 19th & Lincoln. Chuck Mayer of Chuck's Coins on 63 & National sold me a Hobo nickel. I have kept it in the original cardboard 2x2 with his writing on it. One of my prettiest gold love tokens which is in my Love Token exhibit came from Bob Korosec of Bob's Coins on 83rd & Becher St. While the coin store buildings remain, the owners have since passed.

I think we need to appreciate the efforts coin stores make to further our hobby. They promote coin collecting, investing and assist collectors in creating their collections. The coin shop is always there serving the collector.

Showed here are a few of the Milwaukee business cards I have accumulated from these long-ago shops from the past. I hope they evoke the same memories that I have of these great people who helped me form a collection.

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